

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**A-7419.RCE**

In Re Application Of: **Michael HOURN et al**

Serial No.  
**09/831,355**

Filing Date  
May 14, 2001

Examiner  
**Melvyn Andrews**

Group Art Unit  
1742

**Invention: METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS METAL BEARING MINERALS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 8, 2003 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: **April 8, 2003**                  until: **July 8, 2003**  
Date Date

The fee for the extension of time is **\$930** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**

*Christopher J. Arnold*  
Signature

**Dated: July 8, 2003**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

***Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence***

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